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Selectmen's Minutes 10/04/2010

TOWN OF ARLINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 4, 2010

7:15 p.m.

Present: Mrs. Mahon, Chair, Ms. LaCourt, Vice Chair, Mr. Greeley, Mr. Hurd, and Ms. Rowe.
 Also present: Mr. Sullivan, Ms. Rice, and Mrs. Sullivan

FOR APPROVAL

1. CONSENT AGENDA (one vote required for approval of all items)
 - a. Minutes of Meetings: September 20, 2010
 - b. Request: Two One Day Beer & Wine Licenses; 10/15/10, 10/16/10
 Stella Kazantzas, President, St. Athanasius the Great Philoptochos Ladies Society
 Ms. LaCourt moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)
2. NSTAR Petition: W.O. #1776626
 Richard Schifone, Supervisor, Rights and Permits
 (all abutters notified)
 Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

Public Hearing

Mr. Greeley arrived at this time.

3. Alcohol Compliance Report: Pasha Turkish Mediterranean
 Juliana Rice, Town Counsel

Ms. Rice explained the compliance report violation, exhibit documents, and the disciplinary actions listed in the Alcohol Policy.
 Inspector Bryan Gallagher attended and testified concerning the alcohol compliance check operation.

After discussion amongst the Selectmen and Mr. Candemir, although Mr. Candemir utilizes a good training system and recognizes his responsibility, the Selectmen agreed that some disciplinary action must be enforced.

Mr. Hurd recommended a 3-day Wine & Malt License suspension to be enforced on October 11, 12, and 13. SO VOTED (5-0)

4. For Approval: CY 2011 Health Insurance Rates
 Brian F. Sullivan, Town Manager

Mr. Sullivan explained the recommended rates for the CY 2011 self-funded health insurance program, increases range from 0% to just over 20%:

- HMO Blue will see an increase of 11.6% for individual plans and 10.8% for family plans.
- The Harvard Pilgrim Health rate, which is premium, is at a rate hold or 0% increase.
- The Medex plan, which provides for the majority of our Medicare eligible retirees, is at a rate hold or 0% increase.

The Town will be outreaching to the members currently on Blue Choice, which is estimated to increase 20.5%, to see if the HMO Blue Plan would be a better choice for their health insurance needs. The Town anticipates holding the health fair on November 4, 2010. Mr. Sullivan is continuing to work with the union members in jointly addressing the GIC negotiations.

Ms. LaCourt moved approval with the insurance rates as recommended.

SO VOTED (5-0)

5. CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

No matters were presented for consideration of the Board.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

6. Vote: Bus Shelters' Implementation

Laura Wiener, Senior Planner

Ms. Wiener explained the reasons for the bus shelter program: to encourage use of mass transit, decrease traffic congestion, make public transit more attractive to commuters, and lower the rate of increase in cars on the road. She also introduced Eric Scheier, Project Director-MBTA Operations & Service Department. Mr. Scheier presented the Cemusa Bus Shelter Program and answered questions regarding locations, advertising, maintenance/graffiti, and revenues to the town.

Ms. Leger, Youth Health & Safety Coalition Director, requested the Selectmen prohibit alcohol advertising on community bus shelters. She stated there is a growing body of research linking youth exposure to alcohol advertising with increased youth alcohol consumption.

The following comments were discussed by the Selectmen:

- Positive improvement for commuters, particularly elder commuters.
- 15-year contract commitment is a long time, is there a probation period? Can the Town withdraw early from the contract?
- Alcohol ads will be voted on in the future after analysis of advertising monies/ space percentages along with looking at Somerville's advertising model.
- Ad space revenues; what rate Cemusa charges companies and advertising space vacancy rates.

Ms. LaCourt moved approval to 1) grant initial approval, and 2) come back for final approval of locations and contract negotiation language.

SO VOTED (5-0)

7. Vote: Transportation Advisory Committee

a. Recommendations for Marathon Street and Waldo Road

Scott Smith

Mr. Greeley moved approval of the following recommendations:

- 1) On the left side of Marathon Street, just before Waldo Road, paint a hatched box 20' long by 7' wide to indicate no parking and no travel in this area.
- 2) Add the plaque "Cross Traffic Does Not Stop"(2009 MUTCD W4-4P) just below the stop sign on Waldo Road eastbound.
- 3) Enforce Section 6.22 of the Zoning Bylaw ; regarding traffic visibility around corners- the Selectmen's Office will notify the public safety officer.
- 4) Maintain the stop bars on Waldo Road at the intersection.

SO VOTED (5-0)

b. Parking in East Arlington Business District

Ed Starr, TAC Co-Chair

The following recommendations were voted on:

Recommendation 3: Allow shared parking at the Crosby lot during the weekends and evenings for employees. Consider changes to Crosby School to create additional parking accessible from Winter Street in the future. Board action is required.

Mr. Greeley moved approval and referred to the Town Manager for implementation.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Recommendation 4: Change one 15-minute timed space on the south side immediately west of the crosswalk at Marathon Street to 2 hours. Board action is required.

Ms. LaCourt moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Recommendation 5: Convert the two taxi stand spaces between Winter and Oxford to two-hour spaces. Board action is required. The cab companies will be notified by the Selectmen's Office.

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Recommendation 6: Mark parking spaces in the two blocks between Orvis and Egerton Roads on the south side and between Oxford and Winter Streets on the north side on a trial basis. If deemed successful, when the Mass Ave. Corridor project goes forward, this practice can be extended throughout the entire business district (Orvis Rd. to Milton Street on the south side and Oxford Street to Marathon Street on the north side). Board action is required.

Ms. LaCourt moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Recommendation 7: Add one Parking Control Officer to expand parking enforcement between 8AM and 6PM Monday through Saturday. Board action is required.

Mr. Greeley moved to table and referred the recommendation to the Town Manager and the Police Chief for their comments.

SO VOTED (5-0)

It was also requested that a cost/revenue analysis be completed, along with a look at the police detail (20%) money accounting.

Recommendation 8: Monitor and report on parking availability during prime consumer demand hours and parking locations. If needed availability is not achieved in the following November-December period, increase parking enforcement, and continue to monitor. If increasing parking enforcement does not achieve adequate availability during commercial peak hours, consider other parking management techniques. Board action is required.

Ms. Rowe moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

TAC stated they would monitor and report back.

8. For Approval: Execution of Lease for Crosby School Building (Dearborn Academy)

Brian F. Sullivan, Town Manager

Ms. Rowe moved to table.

SO VOTED (5-0)

9. Vote: Acceptance of Real Estate/Skating Rink

Brian F. Sullivan, Town Manager

Mr. Hurd moved approval that the Selectmen send a letter to the DCR approving the turn-over of the rink to the Town.

SO VOTED (5-0)

10. WARRANT ARTICLE HEARINGS

Ms. Rowe left at this time.

Article 3 Acceptance of Real Estate/Skating Rink

This article was removed from the warrant.

Article 4 Contingent Transfer of Real Estate/Thompson School and North Union

Street Playground

Ms. Rowe voted to delay the hearing for this article until October 18, 2010, time to be determined

later.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Article 7 Home Rule Legislation/Group Insurance Commission

Mr. Sullivan reported it would be inappropriate to discuss until after negotiation meetings.

Ms. LaCourt moved to table until after negotiations.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Correspondence Received

Ms. Rowe returned at this time.

Daniel Guttman Dangerous Dog Residing at 377 Appleton Street

Be Rec'd

Sofia Cabalquinto

12 Kipling Road

Mr. Greeley voted to refer this matter to the Arlington Police Department to hold a hearing and make recommendations to the Board concerning the restraint or disposal of the dog.

SO VOTED (4-0-1)

Ms. Rowe abstained from the vote.

Doug Reardon

80 Browning Road

Request Pit Bull Removal from 377 Appleton Street

Be Rec'd

Comcast

Frank Foss

Senior Manager

Basic Service HD Set-Top Box

Be Rec'd

Laura Wiener

Senior Planner

Request for Traffic Calming, Bates Road

Be Rec'd

Planning Department

Mr. Hurd moved receipt of correspondence.
Ms. Rowe abstained from the vote.

SO VOTED (4-0-1)

Mr. Greeley moved to adjourn at 9:30 p.m.

SO VOTED (5-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Sullivan announced that the Police would be utilizing the Request/Answer Center system and a new overnight parking request hotline for the daily handling of overnight parking requests.

Ms. Rowe moved that the Selectmen vote to oppose the ballot question #3/ reduce the state sales tax and use tax rates.

SO VOTE (5-0)

Ms. Rowe announced that the Busa Farm Land Use Committee would be holding future open forum meetings for citizens to attend. Ms. Rowe reported that she, Mr. Sullivan, and DCR Commissioner met and discussed several issues important to the Town. Ms. Rowe will email the meeting summary out to the Selectmen.

Mrs. Mahon stated there would be a goal-setting workshop for the Selectmen and Town Manager on October 28th at 5:00 p.m. Ms. Mahon reported that Paul Cahill and Ted Dever, Athletic Director, are working on a plan to have the AHS turf/Indian head repaired-hopefully before the Thanksgiving Day game.

A true record: Attest

Mary Ann Sullivan
Selectmen's Office
Next meeting of BoS Monday, October 25, 2010.